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Dear Examiner Capossela:

In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2003, please accept the substitute declaration. The Applicant submits that the substitute declaration complies with 37 C.F.R..

CONCLUSION

For these reasons presented above, the applicants submit that claims 1-20 and 24-25 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone or in-person conference would expedite resolution of the patentability issues in this proceeding, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at the contacts listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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